

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20467

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Brent Weaver, Treasurer Democratic Party of South Carolina P.O. Box 5965 Columbia, SC 29250

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July Quarterly Report (4/1/02-6/30/02)

Dear Mr. Weaver:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your report discloses receipts totaling \$7,800.00 from the Association of State Democratic Chairs Dollars for Democrats, which is a joint fundraising committee(s) affiliated with your committee. Please be advised that a memo Schedule A must be provided to itemize your committee's share of the gross contributions received through the joint fundraiser(s). The memo schedule should itemize each individual who has contributed an aggregate in excess of \$200 during the calendar year, and provide the amount of unitemized contributions received. In addition, the memo schedule should itemize your committee's share of all contributions from political committees, regardless of amount. Please amend your report by providing the omitted memo schedule(s). 11 CFR §102.17(c)(8)(i)(B)

-Your report discloses memo Schedule A's totaling \$1,163.75 from the South Carolina Victory Fund, which appears to be a joint fundraising committee. However, there are no corresponding transfers in from this committee disclosed on Schedule A for supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify this apparent discrepancy.

-Schedule B supporting Line 29 (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses \$840.00 in transfers to what appears to be a non-federal account of your committee. Please provide further clarification regarding this transfer to your non-federal account.

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You are advised that 11 CFR §102.5 prohibits a non-federal account from financing sofivity in connection with federal elections. If any of the disbursements disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 29 were made to influence the election or defeat of specific federal candidates, the disbursements should be allocated accordingly and disclosed as either in-kind contributions on Schedule B supporting Line 23, independent expenditures on Schedule E supporting Line 24, or as coordinated expenditures on Schedule F supporting Line 25. 11 CFR §§104.3(b)(3) and 106.1 In addition, if your non-federal account has paid any expenditures which should have been allocated, you are advised to correct any non-compliance with 11 CFR §106.5 and 106.6 and establish procedures to insure future compliance with allocation regulations.

-Schedule A supporting Line 15 of the Detailed Summery Page discloses a refund(s) or rebate(s) of what appears to be a previously disclosed allocable expense(s) from Aiken & Company. Please be advised that when a committee receives a refund or rebate of an allocable expense, it must be allocated between the federal and non-federal accounts according to the same allocation ratio used to allocate the original disbursement. Furthermore, the federal account must transfer the non-federal portion to the non-federal account and disclose this transfer-out on Schedule II4. Your report does not appear to disclose a transfer-out of the non-federal portion of this refund(s) or rebate(s). Please provide clarification regarding this apparent omission.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers from affiliated committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule A, supporting Line 12 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at

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the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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Campaign Finance Analyst

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